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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGs. 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13-15. These sheets, which include FIGs. 5-16, replace the original sheets including FIGs. 5-16.

Attachment: A Complete Set of 10 Drawing Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes to FIGs. 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13-15

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

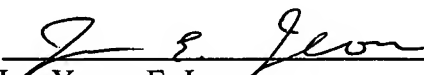
Applicant appreciates the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner to Applicant's attorney during the telephone conference of March 3, 2005 to discuss amending the application after allowance via a 312 amendment. However, references cited on a corresponding European Search Report have come to the attention of Applicant, and a Request for Continuing Application (RCE) is being filed herewith for the Examiner to consider these references.

Amendments have been made to the specification and the drawings to correct certain minor clerical errors. No new matter is being added since the corrections would be obvious to those skilled in the art from the circuit diagrams and the timing diagrams in the drawings, and the description thereof in the specification.

Claims 1-40 remain in the present application, of which claims 1, 2, 14, 21, 24, 25, 28 and 34-36 have been amended to make minor clerical/formality corrections, and not because of any reason related to patentability. As such, applicant requests that the allowance of claims 1-40 be maintained after considering the newly cited prior art references that are enclosed herewith.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests an early issuance of a patent with claims 1-40. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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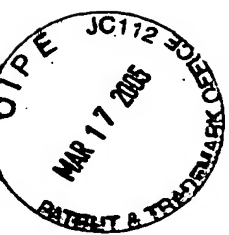


FIG. 5

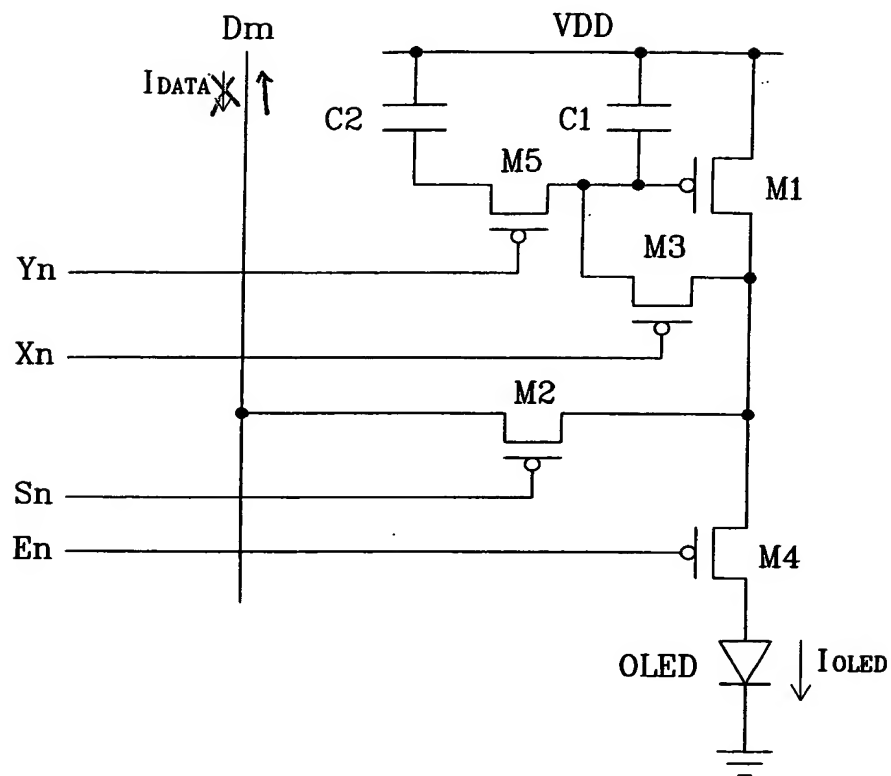


FIG. 6

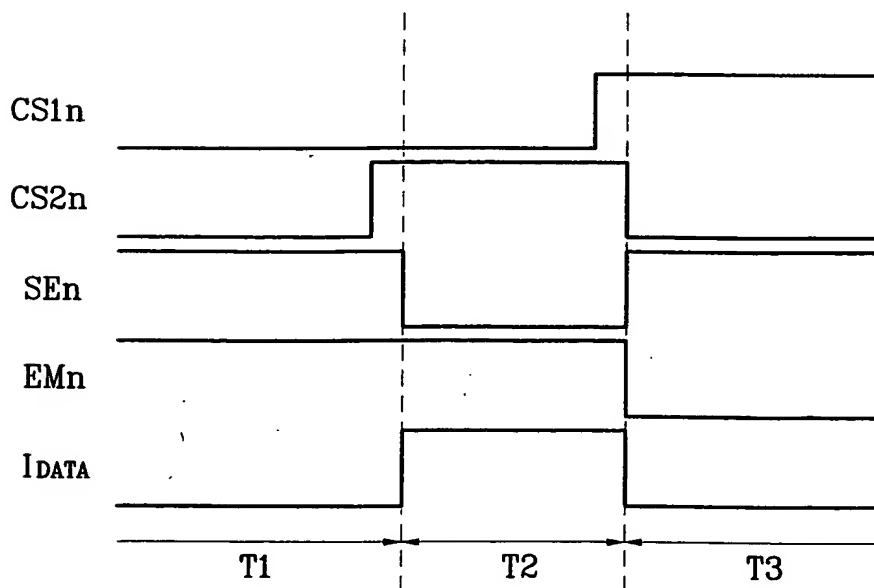


FIG. 7

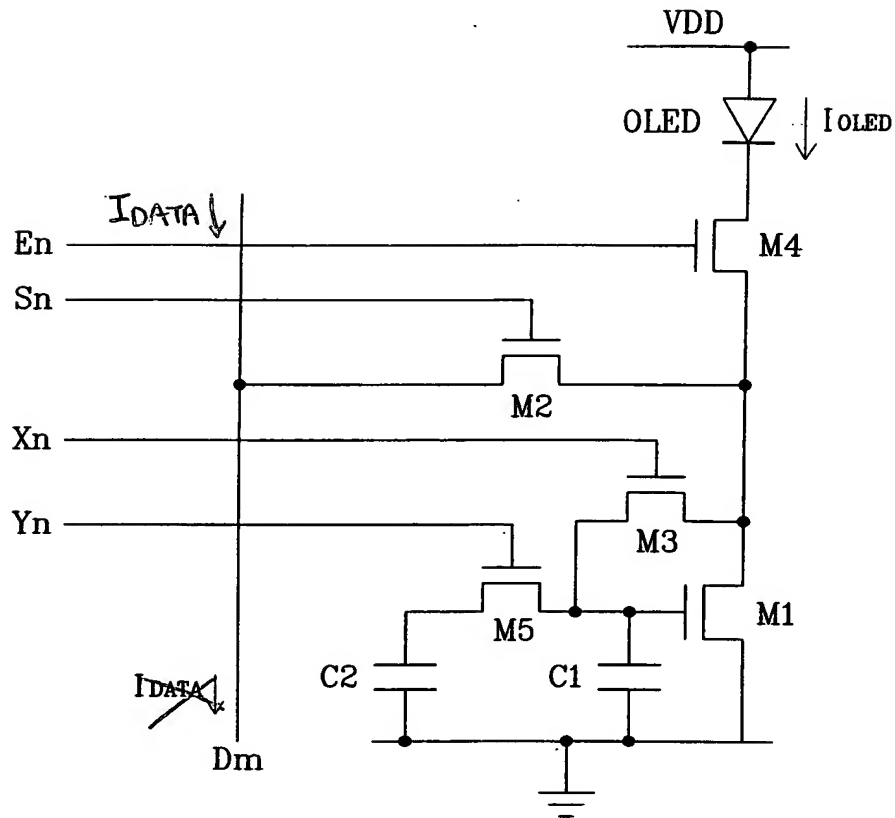


FIG. 8

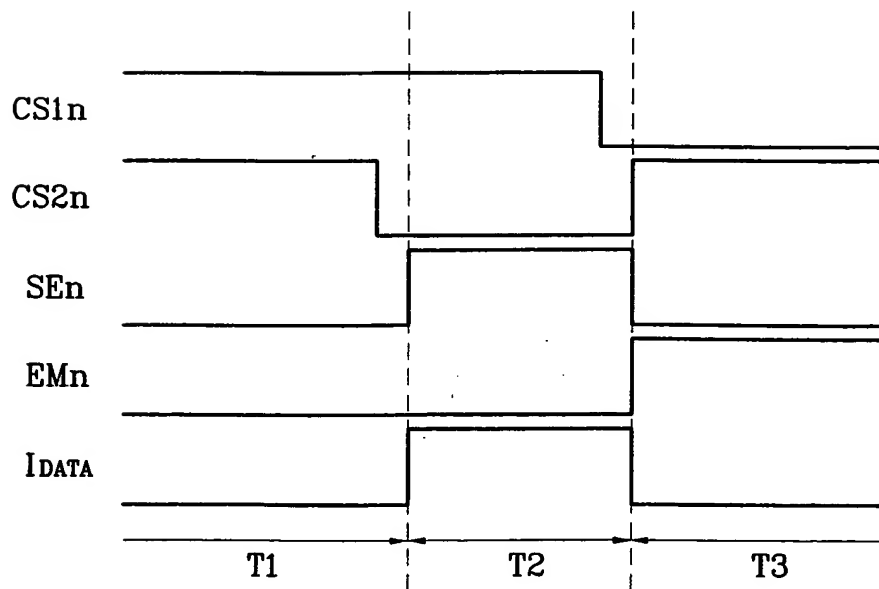


FIG. 9

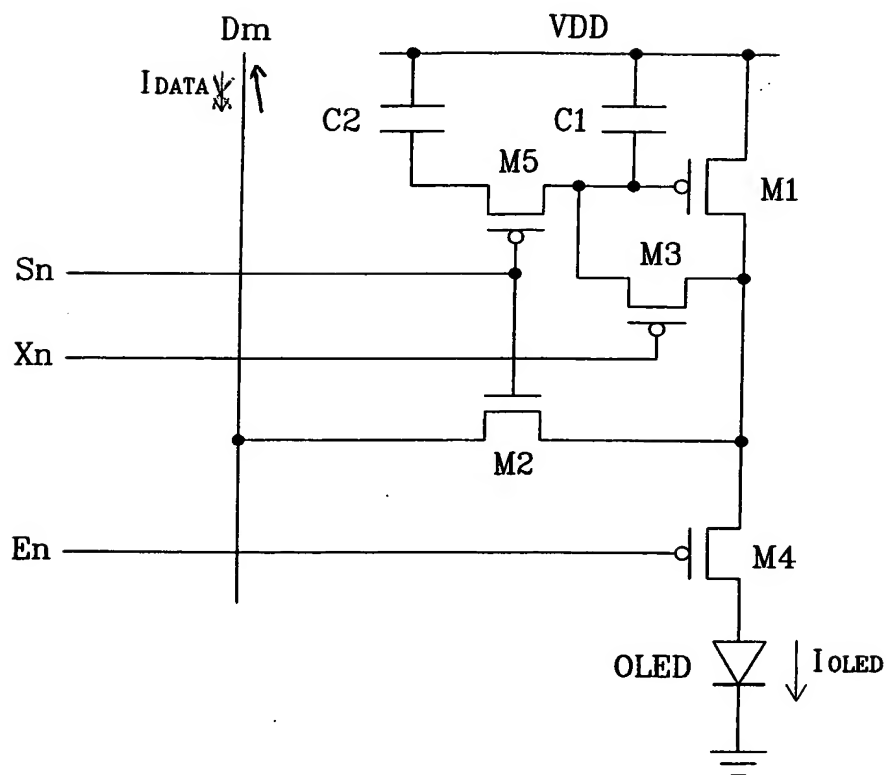


FIG. 10

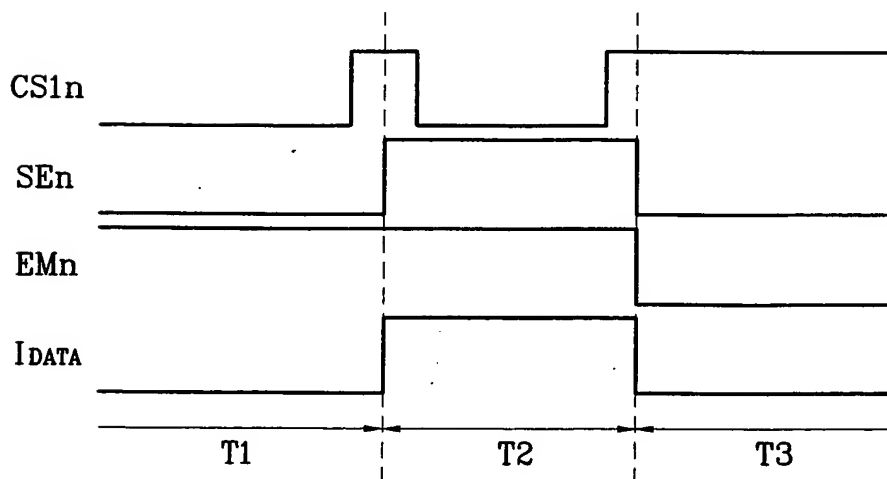


FIG.11

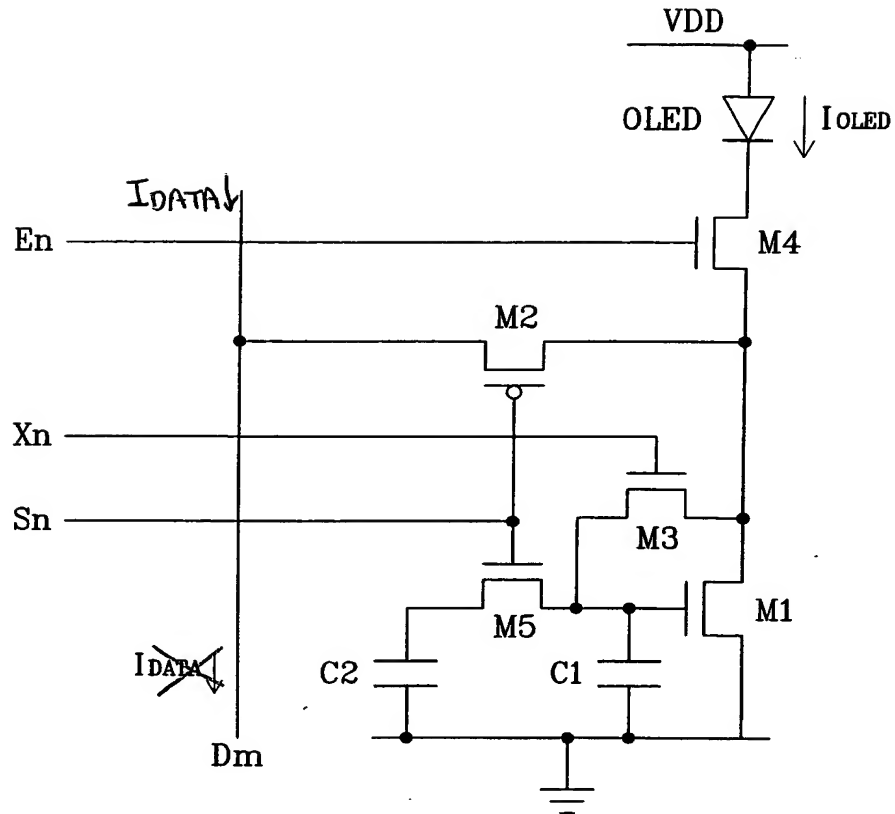


FIG.12

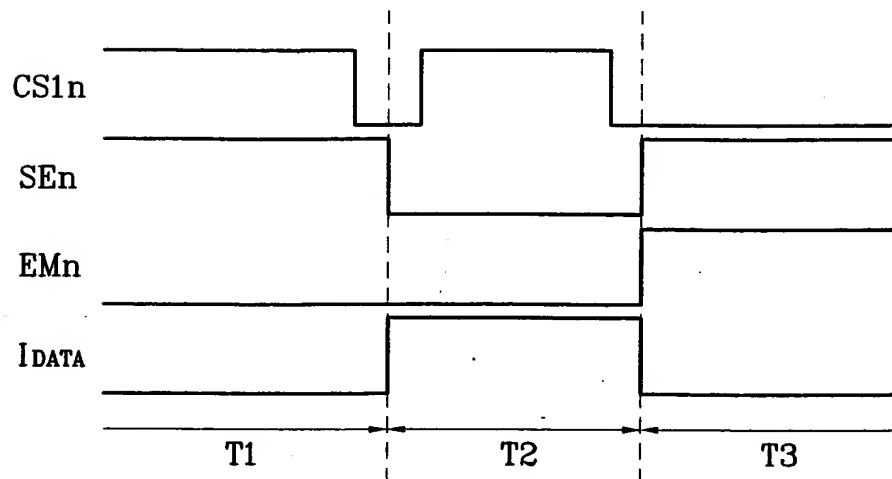


FIG.13

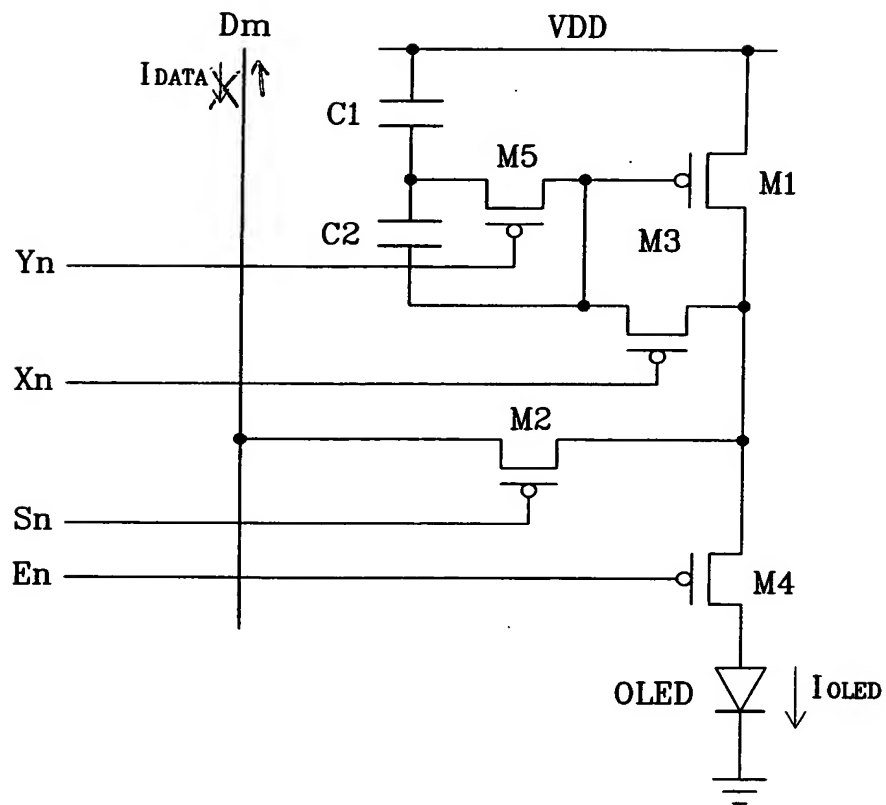


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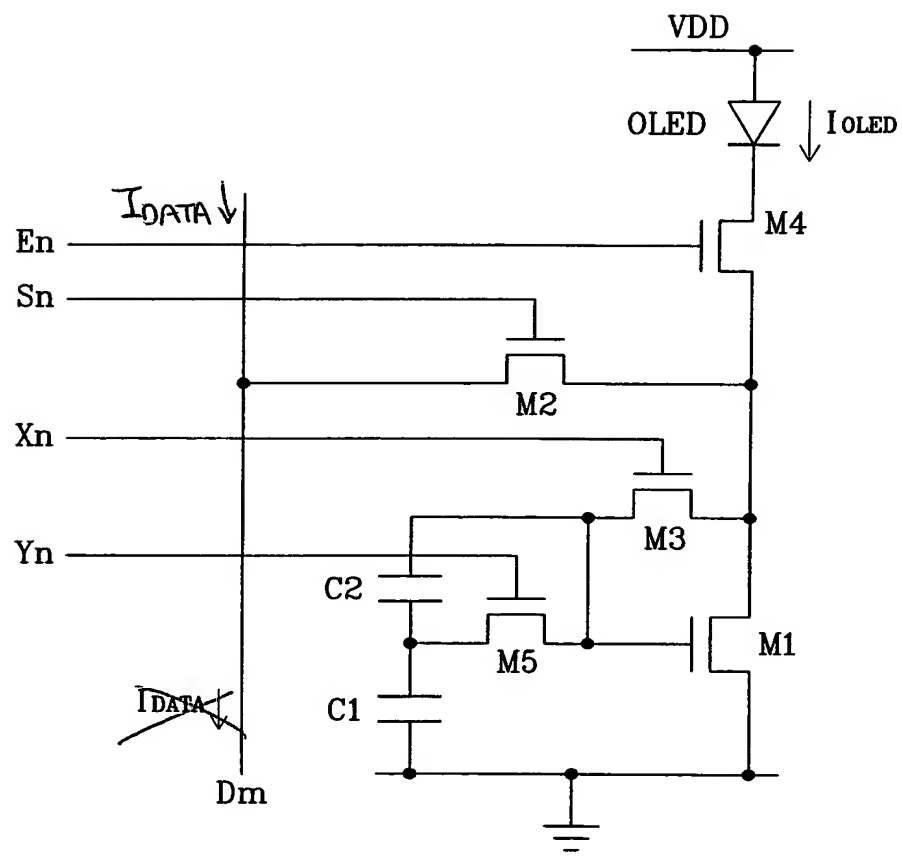


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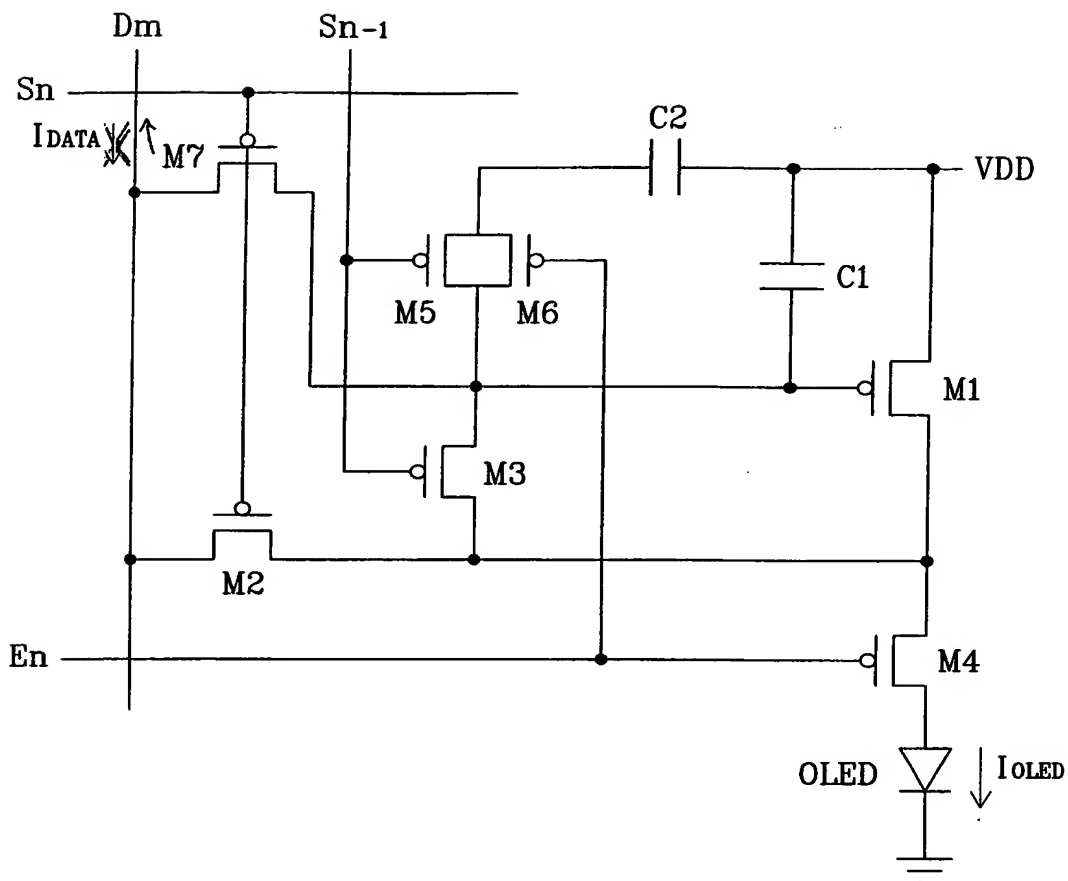


FIG.16

